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It's here

We are all ready for **The Special Centenary Barbeque** this coming Sunday, 18th July at Fillongley Village Hall. With 60-people booked on the event and the promise of some good weather, what could be better to celebrate our Centenary? I'm really looking forward to meeting everyone and renewing old acquaintances.

Booking is now closed, but if you need to refresh your memory about the arrangements you can find them at: <https://coventryctc.org.uk/special-celebratory-bbq-at-fillongley>

Upcoming events

- **South Downs single centre tour** 20th - 23rd July. <http://coventryctc.org.uk/south-downs-single-centre-tour>
- **Women's Festival of Cycling** 17th July - 1st August. We have women's rides to the Fillongley BBQ and extra rides on Wednesday and Thursday next week.
- **Women's Tour** 6th - 8th August. <https://coventryctc.org.uk/2021-womens-tour>
- **Meriden Cyclists' Service**, which is also celebrating its Centenary on 5th September. <https://coventryctc.org.uk/cyclists-memorial-service-sunday-september-5th>
- **100-km Centenary Challenge Ride** 12th September. Please register for the biggest fully catered cycling event of our centenary year. You will be conducted on a showcase ride to share some of the best cycling in our area. <http://coventryctc.org.uk/100-km-centenary-challenge-ride>
- **Sunday and mid-week rides** are a regular feature of our activities.

Immediate action

- **South Downs Single Centre Tour** - 20th - 23rd July will soon be upon us, so please contact [Alan Jelly](#) soon to get the joining instructions.
- **100-km Centenary Challenge** - all the catering arrangements have been made for morning coffee in Long Itchington and lunch at Badby village hall, but we need cakes for afternoon tea at Clifton-upon-Dunsmore village hall (expenses will be reimbursed) and also a few people to run the tea stop. Please contact [Bob Tinley](#) with offers of help.

Recent

Rides

Marina Friend sent me this report about her ride last Sunday: *On our 20-mile short ride we followed a fully segregated Cycleway along Charter Avenue towards Burton Green. There, we made a short stop to admire the newly restored Berkswell Windmill. Quiet country roads then brought us to our mid-way break stop at the picturesque picnic area near Barston Lake. The presence of water always brings peace and tranquillity, and helps to relax and rejuvenate.*

Short rides of 20 - 25 miles are mainly aimed at beginner riders, but there are plenty of reasons for other riders to join in: including leaving the afternoon free for other claims on our time. These rides are run at a steady, leisurely pace and with a friendly and relaxed atmosphere.



Barston Lakes and the Berkswell Windmill visited on Marina's ride last Sunday.

Rides this week

Booking rides: for the time being we are continuing to ask riders to contact the leader in advance to reserve a place on their chosen ride. Please check on the **meeting point**, which may be different from what you have become used to.

Sunday 18th July

As it's barbecue day all rides will arrive at Fillongley Village Hall to coincide with the serving of the food.

09.00hrs George Riches will lead a 35-mile ride from the WMP, North Gate onto Leamington Road to Middleton Hall for coffee and the BBQ at Fillongley for lunch. Please email George: George.Riches@CoventryCTC.org.uk to book your place and get full details of the ride.

10.00hrs Marina Friend will lead a 30-mile women's ride from the WMP, North Gate onto Leamington Road to the BBQ at Fillongley, plus 10-miles back to Coventry after the BBQ. Please email Marina: women@coventryctc.org.uk to book your place and get full details of the ride.

11.00hrs Helen Tolley will lead an easy paced ride under 20-miles from the WMP, North Gate by Leamington Road to the BBQ at Fillongley. Please email Helen: women@coventryctc.org.uk to book your place and get full details of the ride.

Tuesday 20th July

10.15hrs Bob Tinley will lead a 30-mile ride from Stoneleigh Park to the Lighthorne Pavillion for lunch. Please email Bob: Chairman@coventryctc.org.uk to book your place and get full details of the ride.

Women's Festival of Cycling Rides

Wednesday 21st July 10.00hrs Marina Friend will lead a leisurely 10-mile ride from Millenium Place to Warwick University via the Greenway. Please email Marina: women@coventryctc.org.uk to book your place and get full details of the ride.

Thursday 22nd July 18.30hrs Helen Tolley will lead a leisurely 10-mile ride from Caludon Castle to Coombe Abbey (bring your own refreshments). Please email Helen: women@coventryctc.org.uk to book your place and get full details of the ride.

News

HS2

The latest news can be viewed here: <https://hs2inwarwicks.commonplace.is/news>

Rouncil Lane Closure

Rouncil Lane is due to be closed from 5th July 2021 for 6-weeks with no through route for pedestrians or cyclists. Nigel Hickman has kindly sent a suggestion for an alternative route involving a short, easy off-road section, which can be viewed here: <https://cycle.travel/map/journey/234675>

New Cycle Path at Festival Island

As you know, the bridge over the A46 on the western side of the Festival Island has been temporarily closed (well removed). The good news is that a new crossing at grade has been built on the eastern side of the Island. It's controlled by lights so it's perfectly safe.



Reminders

1. Collect some of your old cycling books to take to the barbeque - proceeds will go to our Air Ambulance fund.
2. Enter the 100-km Centenary Ride. Chairman@CoventryCTC.org.uk
3. Bake cakes and help run the afternoon tea stop on the 100-km Centenary Ride. Chairman@CoventryCTC.org.uk
4. Book a place on the South Downs Single Centre Tour. alan_jelley@outlook.com

Where are we?

Here is the answer to last week's puzzle plus another teaser from Dave Hearn:



This is a statue of Sir Edward Elgar in front of Hereford Cathedral.



Here are two photos from 2018 when Margaret, Ruth and I had a week's walking holiday in Italy. We made the pilgrimage to the iconic Cyclists' Chapel, the Madonna del Ghisallo and the excellent adjacent Cycling Museum. Between them stands this statue of two cyclists' - The Victor & The Defeated.

Question 1 In the hills high above which of Italy's lakes does this sculpture stand?

Question 2 Which of the annual 5 'Monument' day races always passes the sculpture?